

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROP SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN ROYAL JOHNSON**, on January 6, 1999 at 9:00 A.M., at Montana University, Bozeman.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Royal Johnson, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Daryl Toews, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Peggy Arnott Bergsagel (R)  
Rep. Rosalie 'Rosie' Buzzas (D)  
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)  
Sen. Ken Miller (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Amy Carlson, OBPP  
Marty Eddleman, Committee Secretary  
Sandy Whitney, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Committee's visit and hearings at Montana University, Bozeman.

Hearing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Royal Johnson{**Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.5**}

**President Micheal Malone** welcomed the committee and visitors to the University. He also explained the schedule for the day.  
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**Chairman Johnson** explained how he wanted to handle the meetings.  
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Presentation by **Rhonda Russell** from Admissions and Recruiting.  
She spoke on New Student Services.

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4}**

**EXHIBIT(jeh03a01)** New Tax Breaks for Parents and College  
Students.

**EXHIBIT(jeh03a02)** 301.1 Admissions Requirements; In-state  
Undergraduates.

**EXHIBIT(jeh03a03)** Our school wants you.

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.9 - 36.7}**

Presentation by **Becky Mahurin** on Patents & Licenses.

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 36.8 - 59.7}**

**EXHIBIT(jeh03a04)** Montana State University Patenting and  
Licensing Activity.

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 59.8- Side : B  
Approx. Time Counter 6.9}**

Presentation by **Kim Obbink**, Burns Telecommunication Center, on  
Distance Delivery.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6.9 - 28.3}**

**EXHIBIT(jeh03a05)**

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 28.4 - 39.8}**

Presentation on maintenance by **Bob Lashawa**, Director, Facilities  
Services.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 39.9-the end of side  
B}**

**EXHIBIT(jeh03a06)** Office of Facilities Services Organization  
Chart.

**SESSION ON CLASSIFIED AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

Presentation by Carol Bittinger, chairman of Classified Employees  
Personnel Advisory Committee.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.7 - 11.5}**

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Debra Chardin, Patty Gunderson, Karen Kircher,  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.6 - 22.7}

Questions From Committee Members and Comments:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.8 - 31.9}

Presentation by **Jim Manning** on Professional Council.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 32 - 35.2}

**EXHIBIT(jeh03a07)** Professional Council

Informational Testimony:

Vickie Orazem (Office of General Studies), Melissa Green(Student Affairs), Jim Mitchell (Director of Student Health Services), Jim Manning, Bill Stevens (Carpenter), Tracy Moran, Tom Austin, Casey Lipkof, Rich Stafford.

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Side : B; Approx. Time Counter 5.3)

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Student Session

Session Called to order by **Chairman Royal Johnson** at 3:15 p.m.

Welcome by **Jeremy Fritz**, Vice President ASMSU.

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Presentation by **Jake Ankeny**.

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**EXHIBIT(jeh03a08)**

**EXHIBIT(jeh03a09)**

Questions by Committee

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.2}

Presentation by **Eric Chime** - How much grants & loans are given?

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12}

Questions From Committee Members and Comments:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.6 - 46.3}

Presentation by **Ron Larsen**, Director of Chemical Engineering.

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**Questions From Committee Members and Comments:**

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B; Approx. Time Counter : 11}***

**Faculty Session**

Open session. 4:30 p.m.

Welcome by **Peter Kommers**, Chair Faculty Council

Presentation:

***{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.1}***

**EXHIBIT(jeh03a10)**

**Questions From Committee Members and Comments:**

Question 2 - John Sherwood, Plants Science Dept. of Agriculture.

Question 3 - Peter Kommers

Question 4 - Peter Kommers

Question 5 - Pat Butterfield

***{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 29.6 - 45.9}***

Presentation by **Suzanne Wearing**, Great Falls Tech. ***{Tape : 3; Side  
: B; Approx. Time Counter : 46 - 51.2}***

**EXHIBIT(jeh03a11)**

Question 1 - Suzanne Wearing

Question 2 - Suzanne Wearing

Presentation by **Marcia Selser**, Billings

***{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 51.3}***

**EXHIBIT(jeh03a12)**

Presentation by **Keith Edgington**, MSU, Billings.

***{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 56.8 - Tape : 4; Side  
: A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.3}***

Comments by **Matt Benequisto**, MSU Billings.

***{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.4}***

Comments by **Larry Strizich**, Northern.

***{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.4}***

**EXHIBIT(jeh03a13)**

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**Questions From Committee Members and Comments:**

***{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21 - 41}***

Adjournment by **Chairman Royal Johnson** at 6:00 p.m.

The following exhibits were received during tour, meals, and  
after meetings.

**EXHIBIT** (jeh03a14)

**EXHIBIT** (jeh03a15)

**EXHIBIT** (jeh03a16)

**EXHIBIT** (jeh03a17)

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**EXHIBIT** (jeh03a23)

**EXHIBIT** (jeh03a24)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:20 P.M.

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REP. ROYAL JOHNSON, Chairman

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MARTY EDDLEMAN, Secretary

RJ/ME

**EXHIBIT** (jeh03aad)